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were previously reported **25X1**

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1. An artillery unit with about 50 motor vehicles, **25X1** and 10 x 122-mm field howitzers of model 38 moving toward Dresden was seen between Oschatz (N 52/E 71) and Wurzen (N 52/E 42) on 6 March. (1)

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2. A Soviet officer stated that the troops would arrive in Camp Werder near Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) only in April. There were only a few soldiers in the various sections of the camp except for Section No 14. On 9 March, Section No 14 was occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, predominantly with tank insignia. They were officers and soldiers who had been there in 1951. They were cutting logs for the construction of improvised garages on the parking lots. Three SU-152 canvas-covered SP guns and 4 JS-3 tanks stood at the parking lot. Soldiers travelled on the regular train from the Werder railroad station to Wittenberg daily via Jueterbog. Twelve SP guns **25X1** passed through **25X1** Werder in the direction of the troop training grounds **25X1** on 9 **25X1** March. Trucks **25X1** were seen at the camp. (2)

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3. **25X1** on 13 March, 62 old trucks **25X1** each carrying two soldiers, were seen passing through Cottbus (N 52/A 57) in the direction **25X1** of Weisswasser. **25X1**

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4. A unit with 8 trucks, 1 radio car and 1 field kitchen, **25X1** some of the trucks carrying troops **25X1** with field equipment, and 4 rocket launchers. **25X1** were seen leaving the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau (N 52/E 21) **25X1** on 16 March. Each rocket launcher was manned by 1 NCO, 1 EM, 1 driver and 1 officer. (3)

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5. A number of boxcars with furniture were unloaded at Eisenach (L 51/H 76) **25X1** railroad station during the period from 13 to 17 March. Groups of three men carrying baggage and rucksacks arrived. Only motor vehicles **25X1** were identified in the area of the Kindel troop training grounds. (4)

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- 25X1 [] 6. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne in Weimar (M 51/J 57) was re-occupied by about 700 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, on 14 March. No other changes in the occupation of the post were observed. (5) The construction of a troop camp was started on the Finne (M 52/J 59) hill on 26 February. Soldiers observed there wore black-bordered black, red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. The area is placed off limits and the troops are barred from any contact with the civilian population. It was said that about 30,000 soldiers were in the area. [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] 7. Twelve tanks and 8 motor vehicles were unloaded at the Halle (M 52/D 92) freight station during the night of 2 March. Thirty motor vehicles [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] on 5 March, and about 30 motor vehicles [] some towing AA guns, were loaded 25X1
- 25X1 [] on 8 March. Tanks [] were loaded on 25X1
- 25X1 17 March; and motor vehicles [] with 25X1
- 25X1 light AA guns, on 19 March. About 30 motor vehicles and 20 tanks [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] were loaded on 20 March. (7) 25X1
- 25X1 [] Comments. 25X1
- (1) [] an artillery unit of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which possibly moved from Eilenburg to Koenigsbrueck.
- (2) Information on the individual camp sections was previously received. See 25X1 [] The motor vehicles belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div. there was no change in the occupation of the camp. Only small details of the division stayed there for firing practice and reconditioning quarters. The detachment working in Section No 14 of the camp came from Wittenberg. [] Thus, the statement by 25X1 the officer appears to be credible.
- 25X1 (3) [] an AAA unit of the 13th AAA Div which could not be confirmed in the installation during a period of several months. It appears improbable that the guns should have been rocket launchers. See 25X1 []
- (4) The present report indicates that measures were initiated for the occupation of the Kindel troop training grounds. No movements of troops to Kindel have as yet been reported. [] belongs to the 39th 25X1
- 25X1 Gds Ptz Rifle Div and [] to the 57th Gds Ptz Rifle Div. 25X1
- (5) The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne is used as a processing camp and, [] in January and February, was 25X1
- unoccupied. No arrivals of recruits have been reported. []
- (6) Since this troop camp northwest of Naumburg is located in the area of the command-post exercise which began in late February 1952, it was plausible that the camp was prepared only for the duration of that exercise. Another 25X1
- 25X1 [] a former German ammunition dump was being reconditioned. [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] seen there belong to the area of the Eighth Gds Army. 25X1
- 25X1 (7) Motor vehicle and tank [] belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div. Other 25X1
- 25X1 [] units of this division moved from Halle to Ohrdruf and vice versa beginning mid-February 1952. The entraining in Halle on 20 March of a tank unit of the 25th Gds Tank Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div was also reported []

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